

from asthma, which is unrelieved by epinephrin and the other sympathicomimetic drugs. He says that he has been relieved by morphine and atropine, and states that addicts never want it with atropine.

Having been taken in by this party's story, I have been hit in my professional pride as well as my purse, and will do all I can to coöperate with the authorities on his apprehension.

Yours truly,  
EDWARD BLAIR, M. D.

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EDWARD BLAIR, M. D.  
110 MATHESON STREET  
HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA

October 23, 1940.

Editor, California and Western Medicine,  
450 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I refer to my letter of October 9 re Arthur G. Kuhn.

I was informed yesterday by Mr. F. Leslie Manker, Assistant District Attorney of Sonoma County, that Mr. Kuhn was recently arrested in Contra Costa County for passing bad checks; and that he was sentenced about a week ago to six months in the county jail at Martinez.

I think it will be well to give this additional fact publicity so that the doctors in the State can be on the lookout for Mr. Kuhn in case he attempts to exercise his habits after completing his sentence.

Yours truly,  
EDWARD BLAIR, M. D.

**Concerning Articles in "California and Western Medicine," reprinted from "Rocky Mountain Medical Journal."**

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DRS. AYRES AND ANDERSON  
LOS ANGELES

October 3, 1940.

*To the Editor:*—I want to thank you for your letter containing proof sheet of the advanced proof of reprint of an article from the *Rocky Mountain Medical Journal*. The spirit of fair play which has been exemplified in this matter should be deeply appreciated by all the members of the Association.

Very sincerely,  
DRS. AYRES AND ANDERSON.  
By Samuel Ayres, Jr., M. D.

**Concerning Donation by California Medical Association to Lane Medical Library.**

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY  
San Francisco, California,  
September 27, 1940.

Dr. George H. Kress, Secretary-Treasurer  
California Medical Association  
450 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California  
Dear Doctor Kress:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees the President of the University reported receipt of your Association's check for \$1,595, as an annual contribution to the Lane Medical Library.

This continued support is very gratifying. The individual members of the Board have asked me to express their warm appreciation of your interest and liberality.

Very truly yours,  
IRA S. ILLICK, *Secretary*.

**Concerning Medical Journals: Years Ago and at Present.**

Monrovia, September 17, 1940.

*To the Editor:*—Thanks for your letter of September 13, containing the excerpt from the "Twenty-Five Years Ago" column of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

It is interesting to note the change that has taken place in journalism since that address was given. Today *The Journal of the American Medical Association* and the state journals have taken on a much more scientific aspect, and we now have numerous journals to supply the deficiency that I mentioned. I had been a subscriber for numerous European journals and could not help but note the difference in their attitude toward scientific medicine and ours. This was in the period when we had a dearth of journals for the good articles, and I might also say that we had a dearth of good articles for the journals that existed. It was difficult for a student to get what he wanted out of the two or three journals for which the average man subscribed. . . . Sincerely yours,

FRANK M. POTTINGER.

**Concerning Legal Requirement for Presence of an Assistant During Operations.**

(COPY)

San Francisco, October 14, 1940.

Pat Malloy, Jr., Esq.  
Attorney at Law  
704 World Building  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 7, 1940, addressed to Doctor Dukes, has been forwarded to me as General Counsel of the California Medical Association.

In your letter, I note that you inquire as to whether or not a surgeon is required by law in California to have an assistant during the performance of an appendectomy. So far as I know, there is no statute or decision in California directly or indirectly requiring the presence of an assistant during the performance of a surgical operation of any kind. Of course, under a number of California cases the operating surgeon is responsible for any negligence occurring during the course of the operation, whether such negligence be on his part or on the part of assistants, nurses or anesthetists, and, under these decisions, it might be argued that failure to have an assistant is in and of itself negligence in the event that any injury occurs which might have been avoided if there had been an assistant. This, however, is merely an argument that could be made.

I know of no statutory decision which requires the presence of an assistant. Very truly yours,

HARTLEY F. PEART.

**Concerning Possible Violation of California Medical Practice Act, by Nurse-Dietitian.**

San Francisco, October 4, 1940.

State Board of Medical Examiners  
C. B. Pinkham, M. D., Secretary  
515 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Pinkham:

Enclosed herewith find copy of a letter dated September 30, sent to me by a physician friend.

I have underlined the query that has been put up to me.

I am passing this case on to you for consideration, with request that you give me your opinion.

Cordially yours,  
GEORGE H. KRESS, M. D.,  
*Secretary*.